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SUBJ: INDONESIAN TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PORTUGAL

1. FONDEPT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED JAN 21 THAT INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL HAVE AGREED TO RESTORE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BEGUN LAST SEPTEMBER

BETWEEN FONMINS MALIK AND SOARES AT UN. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN 1964 WHEN INDONESIA WITHDREW ITS AMBASSADOR IN PROTEST OVER PORTUGUESE COLONIAL POLICIES; ALTHOUGH PORTUGUESE CONSUL REMAINED IN JAKARTA, AND GOI KEPT CONSUL IN DILI, PORTUGUESE TIMOR.

2. LIM BIAN KIE, AIDE TO LT GENERAL ALI MURTOPO WHO SUHARTO CONFIDANT AND ADVISER ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR PROBLEM, TOLD POLCOUNS JAN 21 THAT NEW INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO LISBON WILL BE DR. BEN MANG RENG SAY. DR. SAY, A CIVILIAN CATHOLIC FROM THE ISLAND OF FLORES IN THE WEST NUSATENGARA PROVINCE OF INDONESIA (WEST OF TIMOR ISLAND) WAS MP REPRESENTING CATHOLIC

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PARTY AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENT UNTIL 1971. HE

LATER BECAME GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF CATHOLIC PARTY BEFORE IT WAS DISBANDED AS RESULT OF GOVERNMENT ENFORCED PARTY "SIMPLIFICATION" IN 1972. HE HAS SINCE BEEN CLOSE TO ALI MURTOPO WING OF ARMY-CONTROLLED GOLKAR, WHICH NOW DOMINATES PARLIAMENT.

3. WE ARE RATHER SURPRISED GOI DID NOT SELECT SENIOR MILITARY FIGURE FOR THIS SENSITIVE JOB, WHICH WILL INVOLVE DIFFICULT TASK OF PERSUADING GOP TO ALLOW INTEGRATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO INDONESIA WITH OR WITHOUT CONSENT OF TIMORESE. DR. SAY HAS LITTLE IMPORTANCE IN GOI HIERARCHY, AND HAS APPARENTLY BEEN CHOSEN PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE IS CATHOLIC AND FLORENESE, AN ETHNIC GROUP AKIN TO TIMORESE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A SENIOR MILITARY MAN WILL BE ASSIGNED AS DR. SAY'S DEPUTY TO LOOK OVER HIS SHOULDER.

4. ACCORDING FONDEPT SPOKESMAN, PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF EMBASSIES BY THE GOVERNMENTS AND ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADORS WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.
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